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Washington, DC 20590-0001

Subject: Notice of Proposed Rule Making – Docket Number FAA 2002-14149; Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) was formed in September 2000 as a follow-up to the work of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Southern California Task Force. Its membership consists of elected officials, local, state and federal who represent the residents of communities impacted by the noise from LAX aircraft operations, the management of Los Angeles World Airports, representatives of the airline industry and the FAA. The position adopted by the Roundtable, as stated in this correspondence, is not the official position of the City of Los Angeles or Los Angeles World Airports. The Roundtable is a voluntary and independent body and this position is the opinion of the majority of the membership. Our primary objective is to seek ways to reduce noise impacts on people residing near the airport.

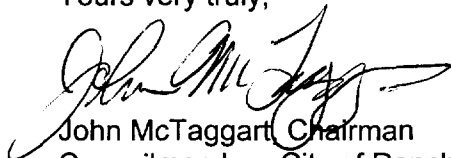
The Roundtable actively supports the implementation of a proposed RNAV replacement of the LOOP THREE departure procedure at LAX known as the KWAYET Departure Procedure. We believe that the proposed KWAYET Departure Procedure will provide important noise relief to the communities south of the airport by better defining the over-ocean turn and ensuring that aircraft cross back over the coastline at LAX.

Our understanding is that the Special Flight Rules (SFR) modifications, noted in Document Number 14149, are an important part of the implementation of the KWAYET procedure. Based on this, the Roundtable wishes to submit its strong support of this overall effort, and to urge a rapid implementation of the SFR and of the proposed KWAYET departure procedure.

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Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments. Please address your reply, if any, to the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o Los Angeles World Airports, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, attn. Robert Holden.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McTaggart", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

John McTaggart, Chairman  
Councilmember, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

cc: William Withycombe, FAA Western-Pacific Region  
Richard Cox, Air Transport Association  
Lydia H. Kennard, LAWA  
Roundtable Members